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SUBJECT: 30TH UNGA: GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENT BY THE FOREIGN  
MINISTER OF COSTA RICA, GONZALO FACIO

1. SUMMARY: FACIO URGED STRENGTHENING OF THE UN THROUGH AN APPROACH BASED ON DIALOGUE AND CONSENSUS RATHER THAN CONFRONTATION AND MAJORITY RULE. HE CRITICIZED THE "REVANCHIST ATTITUDE" OF THE PRESENT AUTOMATIC MAJORITY AND ARGUED THAT THE EFFECTIVENESS OF CONSENSUS HAD BEEN DEMONSTRATED BY THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION. FACIO THEN HIGHLIGHTED THE EXAMPLE OF OPEC BREAKING ITS DEPENDENCE ON ESTABLISHED POWER CENTERS, BUT WARNED OPEC COUNTRIES NOT TO TAKE FOR GRANTED THIRD WORLD SUPPORT FOR NEW PRICE INCREASES. HE FEARED OPEC HAD "FORGOTTEN" ITS SOLIDARITY WITH THE THIRD WORLD. ON ASIAN ISSUES, HE SUPPORTED THE ADMISSION OF BOTH VIETNAMS AND KOREAS. FACIO PROPOSED PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF KOREA ON THE BASIS OF COMPLETE SELF-DETERMINATION BY THE KOREAN PEOPLE (AN INTERNATIONALLY SUPERVISED REFERENDUM) AS A FINAL SOLUTION, BUT CAUTIONED THAT UNTIL THAT TIME THE ARMISTICE SHOULD BE MAINTAINED. HE WELCOMED THE SINAI AGREEMENT, SINGLING OUT SECRETARY KISSINGER FOR PRAISE, AND EXPLAINED

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RECENT REVISIONS IN THE INTER-AMERICAN TREATY OF

RECIPROCAL ASSISTANCE DESIGNED TO LIMIT THE LATITUDE OF THE "ORGAN OF CONSULTATION." REFERRING TO THE PANAMA CANAL, FACIO STATED THAT AS LONG AS A "COLONIAL ENCLAVE" WAS MAINTAINED IN PANAMA, LATIN AMERICA COULD NOT "ABANDON APPREHENSION" CAUSED BY THE PRESENCE OF A WORLD SUPERPOWER IN THE AREA. NEGOTIATIONS ON A NEW TREATY WOULD BE A "TEST CASE" FOR THE SINCERITY OF U.S. INTER-AMERICAN POLICY. END SUMMARY.

2. FACIO ARGUED THAT THE UN SHOULD BECOME A FORUM FOR HARMONIZING NATIONAL POLICIES. SUCH STRENGTHENING REQUIRED AN APPROACH TO WORLD PROBLEMS BASED ON DIALOGUE AND CONSENSUS RATHER THAN CONFRONTATION AND AUTOMATIC MAJORITY RULE. HE REJECTED THE ARGUMENT FAVORING CONFRONTATION THAT THOSE WHO WERE IN A MINORITY TODAY WERE LEADERS OF AN AUTOMATIC MAJORITY IN THE PAST. HE STATED THAT "THIS REVANCHIST ATTITUDE WAS MORE USELESS AND FUTILE NOW" SINCE THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION HAD DEMONSTRATED THE ABILITY OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO FUNCTION EFFECTIVELY ON THE BASIS OF DIALOGUE. UNLIKE CONFRONTATION AND MAJORITY RULE, CONSENSUS FOCUSED ON THE COMMON RATHER THAN DIVISIVE ISSUES AND BETTER GUARANTEED IMPLEMENTATION. CONSENSUS, HOWEVER, DID NOT MEAN THE ELIMINATION OF DEBATE. FACIO ARGUED THAT "VEHEMENT DENUNCIATION OF WHAT IS UNJUST IS ESSENTIAL" FOR DEBATE AND CHANGING THE STATUS QUO. HE ILLUSTRATED THIS POINT WITH THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION: WITHOUT LDC PROTEST AND OPEC ACTIONS, UN MEMBERS WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ARRIVE AT A CONSENSUS ON THE PROBLEMS CONFRONTING THE WORLD ECONOMIC SYSTEM.

3. TURNING TO INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ISSUES, FACIO HIGHLIGHTED THE EXAMPLE OF OPEC BREAKING ITS DEPENDENCE ON ESTABLISHED POWER CENTERS. FACIO NOTED THAT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAD SUPPORTED OPEC FOR THE EXAMPLE IT PROVIDED OTHERS. THIS SUPPORT, HOWEVER, HAD BEEN COSTLY AND HE WARNED OPEC NOT TO TAKE IT FOR GRANTED FOR NEW PRICE INCREASES, INCLUDING THE ONE EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1. HE STATED THAT A MAJORITY OF OPEC COUNTRIES HAD "FORGOTTEN" THEIR SOLIDARITY WITH THE THIRD WORLD. DEVELOPING

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COUNTRIES WERE STILL WAITING FOR SOME PROOF OF OPEC COUNTRIES' INTENTION TO USE THEIR RESOURCES TO SUPPORT A NEW SYSTEM OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION.

4. IN SUPPORT OF UNIVERSALITY, COSTA RICA FAVORED THE ADMISSION OF BOTH VIETNAMS AND KOREAS. FACIO REJECTED THE ARGUMENT THAT THE REUNIFICATION OF KOREA SHOULD PRECEDE ITS ADMISSION AND CRITICIZED AS A "DISCRIMINATORY

ACT" THE SECURITY COUNCIL'S DECISION NOT TO  
CONSIDER SOUTH KOREA FOR ADMISSION.

5. FACIO REGRETTED THAT THE KOREAN ARMISTICE HAD BEEN  
PROLONGED, BUT CAUTIONED THAT IT SHOULD NOT BE TERMINATED  
UNTIL THE DISPUTE WAS SETTLED PEACEFULLY. THE KEY TO  
ANY SOLUTION WAS THE PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION  
WHICH THE KOREAN PEOPLE THEMSELVES HAD TO APPLY. FACIO  
KNEW OF NO WAY TO CONSULT THE GENERAL WILL BESIDES A  
FREE REFERENDUM AND ARGUED THAT SINCE TWO STATES WERE  
INVOLVED A REFERENDUM IN KOREA WOULD HAVE TO BE SUPER-  
VISED BY THE UN. TO ACHIEVE PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION ON  
THE BASIS OF COMPLETE SELF-DETERMINATION BY THE KOREAN  
PEOPLE, FACIO ARGUED THAT THE ARMISTICE SHOULD BE MAIN-  
TAINED AND DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE PARTIES INITIATED. IF  
THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND WERE TERMINATED, THE DIRECTLY  
CONCERNED PARTIES SHOULD ADOPT MEASURES TO ENSURE THAT  
THE ARMISTICE WAS NOT FUNDAMENTALLY ALTERED. WHILE COSTA  
RICA WAS A CO-SPONSOR OF THE US RESOLUTION, FACIO EXPLAINED  
THAT HIS DELEGATION WOULD NOT "FIND IT UNDESIRABLE" TO  
SUPPORT THE ESSENTIALS OF THE ALGERIAN ONE PROVIDED:  
(1) THE RESOLUTION GUARANTEED THAT FORCE WOULD NOT BE USED  
FOR REUNIFICATION AND (2) IT ENSURED THAT THE POLITICAL  
FORM AND ORIENTATION OF A UNIFIED KOREAN STATE WOULD BE  
DETERMINED EXCLUSIVELY BY THE KOREAN PEOPLE THROUGH AN  
INTERNATIONALLY SUPERVISED MECHANISM OF UNIVERSAL  
SUFFRAGE.

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6. FACIO WELCOMED THE SINAI AGREEMENT, CONGRATULATING SECRETARY KISSINGER FOR HIS "PERSEVERANCE" AND "EXTRAORDINARY DIPLOMATIC SKILL." HE STATED THAT THE AGREEMENT PROVED THAT DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS AMONG BELLIGERENTS IN THE REGION WERE POSSIBLE. HE HOPED THAT THE SUCCESS WOULD ENCOURAGE OTHER BELLIEGERENTS TO NEGOTIATE DIRECTLY WITH ISRAEL. THE SINAI AGREEMENT WAS MERELY A FIRST STEP TOWARD AN OVERALL SETTLEMENT WHICH SHOULD INCLUDE SECURE AND RECOGNIZED BORDERS FOR ISRAEL, THE WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI TROOPS FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, AND THE RE-COGNITION AND PRACTICAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIANS, INCLUDING THEIR RIGHT TO LIVE AT PEACE WITHIN THEIR OWN STATE. RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338 INCORPORATED ALL THE NECESSARY ELEMENTS, BUT CERTAIN PARTIES HAMPERED A SETTLEMENT BY SELECTIVELY APPLYING THEIR PROVISIONS.

7. FACIO REVIEWED RECENT REVISIONS OF THE INTER-AMERICAN TREATY OF RECIPROCAL ASSISTANCE AND THE LIFTING OF THE CUBAN SANCTIONS. THE TREATY WAS REFORMED BOTH TO ADAPT IT TO NEW CONDITIONS IN INTER-AMERICAN RELATIONS AND TO PREVENT "DANGEROUS INTERPRETATIONS" AS OCCURRED IN THE CASE OF CUBA. THE NEW TEXT RESTRICTED THE LATITUDE  
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OF THE "ORGAN OF CONSULTATION" TO IMPOSE SANCTIONS ON STATES TO CIRCUMSTANCES OF "TRUE AGGRESSION" THAT MET THE UN'S DEFINITION. NEITHER IDEOLOGY NOR POLITICAL FORM COULD ENTER INTO THIS DETERMINATION. FACIO ALSO NOTED THAT THE END OF THE COLD WAR MADE THE CUBAN SANCTIONS "ANACHRONISTIC" AND THEIR REMOVAL ELIMINATED A DIVISIVE ELEMENT IN INTER-AMERICAN RELATIONS.

8. FACIO POINTED TO THE 1903 PANAMA CANAL TREATY AS AN IRRITANT IN INTER-AMERICAN RELATIONS. TO THE APPLAUSE OF THE PANAMIAN DELEGATION, FACIO ASSERTED THAT AS LONG AS A "COLONIAL ENCLAVE" WAS MAINTAINED IN THE "HEART OF OUR SISTER," LATIN AMERICA COULD NOT "ABANDON APPREHENSION" CAUSED BY THE PRESENCE OF A WORLD SUPERPOWER IN THE AREA. NEGOTIATIONS ON A NEW TREATY WHICH RECOGNIZED THE "JUST ASPIRATIONS" OF PANAMA WOULD BE A "TEST CASE" FOR THE SINCERITY OF THE US INTER-AMERICAN POLICY. THE CAUSE OF PANAMA, HE DECLARED, WAS THE CAUSE OF ALL LATIN AMERICA.

9. FACIO URGED ALL STATES, BIG AND SMALL, TO TAKE PROMPT

STEPS TOWARD DISARMAMENT. UNLIKE SOME NATIONS, HE  
EXPLAINED, COSTA RICA TOOK DISARMAMENT PROPOSALS "AT FACE  
VALUE" AND SUPPORTED ALL MEASURES WHICH LOWERED MILITARY  
EXPENDITURE AND PROMOTED DISARMAMENT.  
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